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Dept. of the Army
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201 North Third Avenue
Walla Walla, Washington 99362-1876

Attn: Lower Snake River Study

Re: Corps' Snake River Environmental Impact Statement

Gentlemen:

The Board of County Commissioners of Wahkiakum County, Washington, wish to go on record as opposing the breaching of the Snake River Dams.

We firmly believe that biological benefits including possible salmon recovery resulting from dam breaching are far too uncertain compared to the very serious economic impacts upon the Eastern Washington regions and the interstate highway system. The Pacific Northwest economy generally would be negatively impacted through decreased power production, decreased food production from lack of irrigated lands, loss of jobs, and flood control. We on the lower Columbia River are totally at the mercy of good flood control programs resulting from dams on the Columbia River and its major tributaries one of which is the Snake River.

The County Commissioners of Wahkiakum County trust that rational thinking and common sense will prevail in a decision not to breach the Snake River dams. Please take these comments seriously and into consideration when making your decisions.

Respectfully,
Wahkiakum County Board of Commissioners

Esther T. Gregg
Esther T. Gregg, Chair

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cc: Gov. Kitzhaber, St. of Oregon
Senators Slade Gorton & Patty Murray